Business Meeting

The Business Meeting of the Commission was held on the 10th October 1971 at 9.30 A.M. at the Kanakakunnu Palace, Trivandrum, Prof. S.Nurul Hasan, Union Minister of State for Education and Social Welfare, presided.

Resolution felicitating Prof.S.Nurul Hasan on his appointment as Union Minister of State for Education and Social Welfare

Before the agenda for the Business Meeting was taken up, Dr.S.P.Sen moved a resolution on behalf of the members of the Commission felicitating Prof.S.Nurul Hasan, an old and prominent Member of the Indian Historical Records Commission, on his appointment as Union Minister of State. Prof.O.P. Bhatnagar, who seconded the resolution, expressed the hope that inspite of his preoccupations with wider responsibilities, the Indian Historical Records Commission and the Universities will continue to receive the Minister's support in their programmes. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

> Resolution I The members of the Commission assembled for its 41st Session at Trivandrum congratulate Prof.S.Nurul Hasan on his appointment as Union Minister of State for Education and Social Welfare, and fervently hope that, as one of its prominent members who has always evinced keen interest in the development of archives and historical studies, Prof.Hasan will take every possible step for the early implementation of all those recommendations of the Committee on Archival Legislation about which the Government of India is already committed, so as to give effective lead to the State Governments and others in this field.

Thanking the members for their sentiments and felicitations, Professor Hasan stated that he had taken leave from the University and hoped to get back to his old profession in due course. In the meanwhile, he would make every possible

attempt to further the cause of education. He further stated that he always treated the Commission with very great respect, and hoped that the decisions of this body would receive due consideration by all the State Governments and the Universities also.

2. Motion of Condolence

The Secretary then performed the sorrowful duty of informing the Commission about the names of those of its members who had breathed their last since the 40th Session of the Commission. It was proposed that the Commission should also mourn the death of Shri K.Kalappan, a well known scholar from Kerala. The members stood up in silence for two minutes, after which the following resolution was adopted:

> Resolution II The President and members of the Commission deeply mourn the death of Dr.P.C. Chakravarty, Prof.N.R.Khadgawat, Prof.P.K.Karunakara Menon, Mr.Wayne C.Grover, Dr.Y.K.Deshpande, Prof. M.Habib, Dr.Tarasankar Banerjee, and Shri Parmanand Acharya and place on record the valuable services rendered by them to the Commission as its members. The Commission also deeply mourn the death of Shri K.Kalappan. Resolved that these condolences and deep sense of sympathy of the Commission with the members of the bereaved families be conveyed to them.

3. Discussion on the Secretary's Report

The house thereafter took up discussion on the report read by the Secretary at the Inaugural Session of the Commission. Prof.Sri Ram Sharma moved that the report be accepted. Professors P.L.Mehra and Fauja Singh suggested that some provision may be made for hostel accommodation for scholars in the annexe building of the National Archives of India. Dr.Prasad explained that the construction underway is the first phase of the Annexe building. He had already